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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, ETEL, CY

SUBJECT: MAJOR PRODUCT: SATELLITE EARTH STATION

REF: A) STATE 009642 (NOTAL); (B) 76 NICOSIA 1519

(C) 76 NICOSIA 1520

1. EARTH SATELLITE STATION FOR CYPRUS HAS BEEN IN PLANNING STAGE SINCE 1972. POST-WAR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WAS REVIVED IN MAY 1976 BY CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC) REPORTED AS TRADE OPPORTUNITY REF (B). CBC WANTS SYSTEM TO CARRY TV SIGNALS AND ALSO HAVE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE TELEX AND TELEPHONE LINES WHICH WOULD BE LEASED TO POST, TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE (PTT).

2. PTT HAS NOT AGREED TO ACCEPT SUBORINATE ROLE AS SATELLITE STATION PARTNER, AND APPEARS TO BE FOOTDRAGGING AFTER LOOSING INITIATIVE TO CBC. WHILE PTT FINANCIALLY IS STRONGER THAN CBC, ISSUE IN FINAL ANALYSIS WILL BE RESOLVED BY GOC WHICH HAS NOT YET TAKEN POSITION ON MATTER.

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3. EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONFIRM EXACT ROLE OF CABLE AND WIRELESS (C AND W) OF U.K. AND INTERN. TELECOM. UNION OTHER THAN FACT CBC HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BOTH. CBC ASST. CHIEF ENGINEER COSTAS ANASTASSIADES VISITED C AND W IN U.K. ON RETURN LEG OF VISIT TO U.S. EMBASSY BELIEVES CBC HAS NOT SOUGHT SERVICES OF CONSULTANT FIRM

TO DATE.

4. REGARDING TYPE OF SYSTEM DESIRED, CBC REQUIRES SMALLER STD-B STATION BUT TO LEASE LINES TO PTT WOULD NEED ALSO TELEX AND TELEPHONE CAPABILITY OF LARGER STD-A STATION. BECAUSE OF HIGH COST OF STD-A STATION, CBC WOULD LIKE CHEAPER NON-STANDARD STATION WHICH WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO INCORPORATE PTT SIGNALS.

5. COMMENT. VARIOUS ISSUES REMAINING UNRESOLVED TO DATE INCLUDED (A) TYPE OF STATION DESIRED, (B) WHICH ORGANIZATION WILL BE PRIME OWNER-OPERATOR OF STATION, AND (C) WHETHER CONSULTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED. IN ANY CASE, SUPPLIER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FINANCING WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE GUARANTEED BY THE GOC.

6. E-SYSTEM INVITED TO CONTACT EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER B.KOSHELEFF UPON ARRIVAL NICOSIA JANUARY 38. CRAWFORD

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